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Party Bus Driver Sentenced to Prison for Hit-and-Run in Norwalk

A 38-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to two years in state prison for striking a pedestrian while driving a party bus and failing to render aid, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Sept. 3, defendant Tommy Anthony Gutierrez (dob 9/20/77) pleaded no contest in an open plea to the court to a felony count of hit and run driving resulting in serious injury to another person in case VA138560.

The open plea means a sentence was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors said at the time of the crime, Gutierrez was a driver for a party bus company.

In the early morning of Feb. 21, while driving a party bus full of passengers, Gutierrez hit a man in a Norwalk street, prosecutors said.

Rather than stop to help the victim, Gutierrez continued driving, prosecutors said.

The victim, a 27-year-old man, sustained life threatening injuries including broken bones and deep abrasions to his body, prosecutors said.

Three days after the incident, Gutierrez turned himself into authorities and subsequently was charged on March 13.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.